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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
PUNJAB EDUCATION CURRICULUM TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

Dated: 11th September, 2026

To,

The Chief Executive Officers (DEAs), All Punjab

Subject: **CONDUCT OF FIRST-TERM SCHOOL-BASED ASSESSMENT (SBA) (GRADE 1 TO 8) 2026-27**

I am directed to coordinate regarding the subject matter that the following schedule is hereby communicated to conduct the **First-Term** School Based Assessment (SBA) 2026-27 for Grades 1 to 8 across the Punjab along with Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Syllabus, Paper Pattern and Date Sheet.

2. **SCHEDULE**

Sr. No.	Activity	Schedule
1	Uploading of Item Bank	14th September, 2026
2	Paper Generation by Schools from IBS	14th to 17th September, 2026
3	Conduct & Monitoring of First-Term SBA 2026-27	18th – 30th September, 2026
4	Marking of Papers & Preparation of Report Cards	18th September – 04th October, 2026
5	Uploading of Result on SIS	04th October, 2026
6	Sharing of Report Cards / Parent Teacher Meeting	05th October, 2026

3. You are requested to take all necessary appropriate measures to ensure that all the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) regarding **First-Term SBA 2026-27** are being implemented in letter and spirit. SOPs, Paper pattern & Date sheet are attached **(Flag-A)**.

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
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A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to the:-

1. Chief Executive Officer
   Punjab Education Curriculum Training and Assessment Authority

2. Managing Director , (M D (Academics))
   Punjab Education Curriculum Training and Assessment Authority
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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

I. Item Bank will be uploaded on Item Bank System (IBS) on **14th September, 2026**. The **First-Term SBA 2026-27** has been developed in accordance with the syllabus as per Academic Calendar**.**

II. All the question papers will be provided bilingually except English, Urdu, Tarjuma tul-Quran-ul-Majeed and Ethics. However, the schools are given the option to generate the subject papers either in English or Urdu.

III. Every school will generate question papers by logging into the Item Bank System (IBS) with QR code showing complete information of the school with EMIS code (which can be scanned through QR Code Scanning App).

IV. The system-generated paper for each subject (Grades 3 to 8) will be of **One Page with QR Code**. Marking will be done as per **Keys & Rubrics** generated along with the papers through IBS.

V. The assessment of Grade 1 & 2 will be oral for all subjects with five (05) sections of ten (10) marks each, whereas, only one question for each subject of English and Urdu will be in writing to assess the writing skill. One colored print of each subject paper having **Two Pages** is required for Grade 1 & 2 for **Teachers Only**.

VI. The assessment of listening, speaking and reading skills in the subjects of English and Urdu will be conducted on the same day. The questions for assessment of these skills have been provided in Rubrics.

VII. Papers for optional subjects will be developed and conducted by the schools themselves on PECTAA pattern, i.e., 10 MCQs of 15 marks and 3 CRQs of 35 marks and will be reflected in the Student Report Card accordingly.

VIII. During the visit of Provincial Monitors of PECTAA and SED, the papers may be re-checked / verified according to Keys & Rubrics.

IX. The schools will arrange Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM) on **05th October, 2026** and the **Student Report Cards** prepared on prescribed format, which is available in the school IBS login, and the same will be shared with parents in the meeting. All the schools will maintain and keep updated the **Assessment Register**.

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X. The result of First-Term SBA will be uploaded on SIS by the concerned school before declaration of Result and keep the papers along with Keys & Rubrics in safe custody for provision of validation process.

XI. The CEOs-DEAs will take necessary measures to ensure that the schools have generated papers through IBS by using their school login. It will also be ensured that the SBA is conducted in accordance with the schedule and the SOPs. Its implementation shall be inspected by the especially constituted monitoring teams of PECTAA and SED during the conduct and marking of the **First-Term SBA 2026-27**.

XII. The CEO-DEAs will transmit/ circulate the schedule for **First-Term SBA 2026-27** to all the schools for optimum utilization of IBS.

Syllabus & Paper Pattern of First Term SBA 2026-27	
Syllabus	As per Academic Calendar
Assessment	First-Term SBA 2026-27
Timeline	3rd & 4th Week of September 2026
Paper/Item Bank	Item Bank

Grade	1	2
Assessment	Oral	Oral
MCQs	1	1
Fill in the Blank	1	1
True/False	1	1
Column Matching	1	1
Short Queation/Writing (in languages)	1	1
Weightage	50	50
Note: Each item/question will be comprised of 10 marks		

Grade 3 to 5	**No. of MCQs**	10
	Marks of MCQs	20
	No. of CRQs	3
	Marks of CRQs	30
Grade 6 to 8	**No. of MCQs**	10
	Marks of MCQs	15
	No. of CRQs	3
	Marks of CRQs	35
Total Marks		50

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DATE SHEET FOR FIRST-TERM SCHOOL-BASED ASSESSMENT (SBA) 2026-27

MORNING SHIFT TIMING: **10:00 AM To 12:00 PM**

AFTERNOON SHIFT TIMING: **1:30 PM To 3:30 PM** (Friday **2:00 PM To 4:00 PM**)

DATE	DAY	GRADE-1	GRADE-2	GRADE-3	GRADE-4	GRADE-5	GRADE-6	GRADE-7	GRADE-8
18/9/26	**Friday**	English	GK	Islamiat / Ethics	Urdu	Science	Mathematics	Mathematics	Science
21/9/26	**Monday**	Mathematics	English	GK	Science	Mathematics	English	Science	Mathematics
22/9/26	**Tuesday**	---	Islamiat / Ethics	---	Nazra Quran	---	Islamiat / Ethics	Urdu	Tarjuma-tul-Quran-ul-Majeed
23/9/26	**Wednesday**	Tajveedi Qaida	---	Urdu	---	English	Optional Sub.	Tarjuma-tul-Quran-ul-Majeed	Urdu
24/9/26	**Thursday**	---	Urdu	---	English	Nazra Quran	Computer / Arabic	Optional Sub.	Hist. & Geo.
25/9/26	**Friday**	Urdu	---	Mathematics	Islamiat / Ethics	Social Studies	Tarjuma-tul-Quran-ul-Majeed	Hist. & Geo.	Computer / Arabic
28/9/26	**Monday**	GK	Mathematics	English	Mathematics	Urdu	Science	English	English
29/9/26	**Tuesday**	Islamiat / Ethics	Nazra Quran	Nazra Quran	---	---	Hist. & Geo.	Islamiat / Ethics	Islamiat / Ethics
30/9/26	**Wednesday**	---	---	---	Social Studies	Islamiat / Ethics	Urdu	Computer / Arabic	Optional Sub.

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